What is claimed is:

1. A method of formatting an optical recording medium comprising:

(a) resetting a location information of a supplementary spare area; and

(b) converting the supplementary spare area to a user area.

2. A method of claim 1, further comprises determining if a supplementary spare area has been assigned prior to (a) and (b), wherein resetting the location information of a supplementary spare area and converting the supplementary spare area to a user area, if a supplementary spare area has been assigned.

3. A method of claim 1, wherein (a) comprises converting the location information of the supplementary spare area to a predetermined value which indicates that the location information of the supplementary spare area has been reset.

4. A method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined value

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is a lowest value.

5.   A method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined value is a highest value.

6.   A method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined value is a specific code based upon a predetermined agreement.

7.   A method of claim 1, wherein in (b), registering sectors judged to have defects in a new PDL, if the formatting is with certification.

8.   A method of claim 1, wherein in (b), registering all sectors registered in an old SDL in a new PDL, if the formatting is without certification.

9. A method of claim 1, wherein the location information of the supplementary spare area is stored in a SDL block of a DMA of the optical recording medium.

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